whether this order of the Divisional Commissioner will not affect the standing crops ;

(*d*) whether it is proposed to improve the channel expeditiously to facilitate all the cultivators including those at the lower end to get adequate water instead of preventing the peasants at the upper end using pumpsets ?

A.—Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal is under investigation.

(*c*) The entire issue is being examined.

(*d*) The matter is under examination.

Sanction of Fire Brigade to Shimoga District

226. Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to sanction a Fire Brigade to Shimoga District in view of heavy fire incidents in Malnad parts ;

(*b*) if so, when it is going to be sanctioned ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Electricity Supplied to Villages

227. Sri N. HUTCHMASTY GOWDA (Huliyurdurga).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

the Number of Villages in the State to which Electricity has been supplied till the end of January 1968 (Districtwise and Talukwise information may please be furnished) ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

6,841 as per statement pleaced on the Table of the House**.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will go to next item on the agenda, *i.e.* cal Attention Notice.

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